

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, claims 11 and 14 are amended, and claim 13 is cancelled. This leaves claims 11, 12 and 14-21 pending in the application, with claim 11 being independent.

Claim Objection

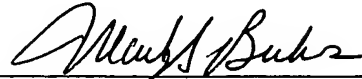
Claim 11 is objected to on the ground that “outlet” in lines 5 and 6 should be changed to read “inlet”. This claim feature refers to the lubricant removal 40 which takes lubricant from immersion bath 28 to filter 26. Although “outlet” is believed to be the most proper descriptive term for the lubricant removal 40, the term “outlet” is changed to “removal” in claims 11 and 14 to conform to the originally filed specification. The term “inlet” appears to be inappropriate since this part takes lubricant from the immersion bath, not into the immersion bath.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 13 is indicated as reciting patentable subject matter. Claim 11 is revised to recite the subject matter of now cancelled claim 13 to constitute previous claim 13 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In view of the foregoing, claims 11, 12 and 14-21 are allowable. Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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